



REMARKS

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment incorporates an acknowledgement of Government support and does not comprise new matter.

Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-10) with traverse. Applicants further elect claims 4 and 10 as the initial species to be examined within Group I.

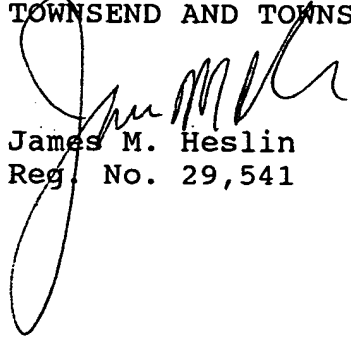
While the Examiner may be correct that the two groups of claims define distinct inventions, Applicants believe that the subject matter of each group is so closely related to that of the other group that simultaneous examination would not present an undue burden on the Examiner. Under such circumstances the Examiner is encouraged to maintain all claims in a single application. See MPEP § 803. Thus, withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

TOWNSEND AND TOWNSEND

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